

WAR DEPARTMENT

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MEMORANDUM

FOR: General Vandenberg

SUBJECT: Notes on Mr. Clifford's Review of
Proposed Legislation for CIG

1. The proposed bill in question was drafted on short notice as a basis for discussion of the points involved. There was no opportunity for review by draftsmanship experts, so Mr. Clifford's remarks provide necessary editing if the bill is to be used in present form. His major points are discussed below. His minor comments will be set forth in a separate paper.

(1) Mr. Clifford feels that there is ambiguity in the use of the word "intelligence" with various qualifying adjectives or clauses, and fears the effect of this ambiguity as possibly raising suspicion that there will be attempts to control agencies outside the United States.

It was felt in drafting, that the declaration of policy definitely stated the position CIA to be in the field of foreign intelligence alone. However, any possible ambiguity may be overcome by adding a section entitled "Definitions", in which would be defined "intelligence" as used in the Act. Such a definition is being drafted, and may be inserted if thought appropriate.

(2) Mr. Clifford states that the purpose or reason for the NIA is not set forth. We agree that there should be a sentence or section inserted stating the functions and duties of NIA in more detail. Such a statement is being prepared.

(3) Mr. Clifford believes the Bill does not provide for a Director or status title, or create an Office of the Director.

Section 2(a)(1) states: "The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, hereinafter

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15. Page 2, lines 21 and 22. Agree that the suggested change is proper.
16. Page 2, lines 22 through 24. Agree there is little question on this point, and no objection to deletion of the sentence as suggested.
17. Page 3, line 7. The phrase is redundant, and we agree that deletion of "in this Act" would be proper.

NOTE: In the draft of the Bill in our possession, in Section 2(a)(1) where the last sentence refers to the Director of CIA, the word "agency" is omitted. Request the current draft be checked for this omission.

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TO: Mr. Walter Pforzheimer:

For your information, we forward Mr. Clifford's memorandum of 12 July to General Vandenberg, our memorandum of 16 July and the last incomplete draft of the legislation which we worked on in this office. These are our only file copies, but we have no objection if you want to keep them in your files.

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